



## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Richard "Rick" Joseph Borries.

Whereas, Richard "Rick" Joseph Borries died suddenly on Saturday, November 14, 2009;

Whereas, A graduate of Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, he attended St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and he received his undergraduate and master's degrees in education from Indiana State University;

Whereas, While serving at Harrison High School, Central High School, and as the supervisor of social studies for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, Richard improved the lives of countless students through his dedication and service;

Whereas, A life-long resident of Evansville, Richard was dedicated to his students, working toward his educational goal, "to inspire and engage his students";

Whereas, Throughout his life, Richard was extremely involved in assisting his students to become productive citizens by helping to establish the Close-Up Program, which takes high school students to Washington, D.C., to see how the federal government works, and participating in "We the People," a constitutional law competition for high school students;

Whereas, After retiring from the Evansville Vanderburgh



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School Corporation, Richard became the director of external affairs for AT&T and was instrumental in bringing the AT&T call center to Evansville;

Whereas, Richard served as an ambassador for Indiana, visiting Japan, Korea, Latvia, and Ireland and hosting visitors from these countries when they traveled to the United States to learn about our political system;

Whereas, Always passionately involved in government, Richard spent 16 years as a Vanderburgh County Commissioner;

Whereas, Richard helped support and fund the building of the overpass at the University of Southern Indiana, the new Vanderburgh Auditorium, and the expansions of Lynch and Burkhardt roads:

Whereas, Richard also helped attract Toyota to southern Indiana and was instrumental in bringing the first casino to Indiana;

Whereas, In recognition of his many accomplishments, Richard was awarded a Lifetime Achievement award by the Democrat Central Committee in 2007 and a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governors Evan Bayh and Frank O'Bannon; and

Whereas, Richard Joseph Borries' commitment to public education spanned 37 years while he pursued his passion of improving the lives of all he served: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION	1.	That	the	Indiana	General	Assembly	expresses	its
sincerest cond	ole	ences	to th	e family	of Richa	rd "Rick" J	oseph Bori	ries
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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Richard "Rick" Joseph Borries.

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